

REMARKS

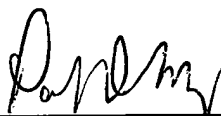
Claims 1-5, 8, 9 and 11-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 9, 11 and 15 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

It is noted with appreciation that the Office Action has allowed claims 1-5, 8, 9 and 11-18 and has indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matter that "the said" in the claims should be changed to "the" or to "said". Claims 1, 5, 9, 11 and 15 have been amended by changing all occurrences of "the said" to "the". Accordingly, it is submitted that the objection as to formal matters is obviated by the amendment and the application is now clearly in condition for allowance.

Noting that all of the pending claims 1-5, 8, 9 and 11-18 are allowed, it is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth above that the objection to the claims as to the formal matter be withdrawn and that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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